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SUBJ: THE "NEUTRON BOMB" ISSUE AT THE UN SPECIAL SESSION
ON DISARMAMENT

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1. POL-MIL COUNS DISCUSSED SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT (SSOD) WITH FOURTH POLITICAL DEPARTMENT HEAD GOODARZANIA AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DEPARTMENT DEPUTY HEAD DABIRI (IN ABSENCE IO DEPARTMENT HEAD EHSASSI) MAY 11 DRAWING ON REFTEL. POL-MIL COUNS STRESSED US INTEREST IN HAVING SERIOUS, CONSTRUCTIVE SSOD THAT MIGHT LEAD TO EXPANDING ARMS CONTROL AREAS OF AGREEMENT, AS OPPOSED TO STERILE, PROPAGANDA EXERCISE FOCUSING ON DISAGREEMENTS, AND HOPED THAT OTHERS WHO SUPPORTED USEFUL SSOD WOULD WORK TO AVOID HAVING IT BECOME PROPAGANDA VEHICLE. POL-MIL COUNS USED ENHANCED RADIATION WEAPON AS CURRENT EXAMPLE OF PROPAGANDA ITEM THAT US HOPED TO AVOID IF SSOD WAS TO MAKE CONSTRUCTIVE CONTRIBUTION.

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2. DABIRI SAID GOI SHARES US AIM FOR SSOD, AND PREPARED TO WORK FOR CONSTRUCTIVE RESULTS. DABIRI SAID HE WOULD REPORT DISCUSSION WITH POL-MIL COUNS "TO HIS SUPERIORS". DABIRI ASKED ABOUT POSSIBLE CHANGES IN DISARMAMENT MACHINERY WHICH ARE BEING DISCUSSED. POL-MIL COUNS SAID HE HAD BEEN AWAY FROM ARMS CONTROL FOR SEVERAL YEARS, BUT PERSONALLY FELT IT UNNECESSARY TO CREATE NEW FORUM;

IMPORTANT THING WAS TO MAKE CONSTRUCTIVE AND SERIOUS USE OF CCD, AND AMPLIFY ALL AUTUMN OPPORTUNITY EACH YEAR FOR DISARMAMENT DISCUSSION IN UN, INCLUDING GENERAL ASSEMBLY GENERAL DEBATE AND MORE SPECIFICALLY IN FIRST COMMITTEE. MOST IMPORTANT LESSON LEARNED FROM EARLIER ENDC, NOW CCD EXPERIENCE IS NEEDED FOR EXPERT DISCUSSION, OUT OF THE LIMELIGHT, IN RELATIVELY SMALL FORUM IF ONE IS SERIOUSLY SEEKING PROGRESS TOWARDS ARMS CONTROL AGREEMENTS. POL-MIL COUNS UNDERSCORED ESSENTIALITY OF CONSENSUS, RATHER THAN VOTING, APPROACH IN ANY SUCH FORUM.

3. DABIRI AGREED ENTIRELY, AND WENT ON TO ASK ABOUT CO-CHAIRMAN ARRANGEMENT. POL-MIL COUNS SAID AGAIN HE COULD ONLY GIVE PERSONAL VIEW, TO WIT: THAT IF ONE GIVES UP THE CO-CHAIRMAN ARRANGEMENT ONE SHOULD GET SOMETHING IN EXCHANGE, AND IT SEEMED TO HIM THAT FRENCH (AND IDEALLY PRC) MEMBERSHIP IN THE ARMS CONTROL NEGOTIATING FORUM WOULD BE EXCELLENT RETURN IN EXCHANGE FOR GIVING UP CO-CHAIRMANSHIP.

4. POL-MIL COUNS CONCLUDED BY STRESSING US INTEREST IN CONSTRUCTIVE, NON-PROPAGANDISTIC SSOD. DABIRI AFFIRMED THAT GOI SHARED THIS AIM AND WOULD WORK TO ACHIEVE IT.

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